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SUBJECT: NICARAGUAN BOXING HERO REPORTED ARRESTED IN U.S.

1. MANAGUA MEDIA REPORT DETENTION BY INS OF NICARAGUAN BOXING HERO, ALEXIS ARGUELLO, WHO IS IN LOS ANGELES FOR NOVEMBER 23 FIGHT FOR FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP AGAINST MEXICAN TITLEHOLDER. VERSIONS OF INCIDENT VARY GREATLY BUT IT APPEARS ARGUELLO IN THE COMPANY OF HIS PANAMANIAN MANAGER WAS PICKED UP ON THE STREET AND DETAINED BY INS ON NOVEMBER 10 AFTER HE WAS FOUND TO CARRY NO IDENTIFYING DOCUMENTATION. HE APPARENTLY WAS RELEASED A COUPLE OF HOURS LATER.

2. ARGUELLO IS IN U.S. ON H-1 VISA ISSUED OCTOBER 31 BY THIS EMBASSY. NEWSPAPER HEADLINES WERE PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE REGARDING INS INCIDENT AND CUT ACROSS POLITICAL LINES. BOTH GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION PRESS GAVE IT FRONT PAGE TREATMENT; LA PRENSA GROWLED "ALEXIC JAILED AND HUMILIATED IN LOS ANGELES" AND NOVEDADES SCREAMED "ALEXIS ABOUT TO BE DEPORTED FROM U.S.".

3. ARGUELLO IS FIRST BOXING CONTENDER NICARAGUA HAS HAD IN SOME TIME, AND HE ENJOYS A GREAT DEAL OF POPULARITY IN A COUNTRY WHICH

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TENDS TO GET VERY EMOTIONAL ABOUT SPORTS HEROES. EMBASSY WOULD

APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT INQUIRING INTO INCIDENT AND INFORMING US OF
DETAILS SO THAT WE MIGHT COUNTER ADVERSE PUBLICITY. EMBASSY
WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY APPROPRIATE EFFORT WHICH CAN BE MADE
BY DEPARTMENT TO SMOOTH OVER RUFFLED FEATHERS OF ARGUELLO AND
HIS PARTY IN LOS ANGELES.
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